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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2006, for which a response was due on March 12, 2007. A Notice of Appeal and petition for three months extension was submitted on June 12, 2007. This response is submitted with a request for continued examination. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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